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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

JP 2002-270261 was first cited in a communication from the Korean Patent Office regarding Korean Patent Application No. 10-2004-0085621, dated April 12, 2006, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the

mailing date of that communication. We have enclosed an English-language abstract of JP 2002-270261.

U.S. Patent No. 6,413,108 to Centefonte was first cited in an Office Action in pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/972,655 in the name of Minoru Igarashi. We have enclosed a copy of Office Action, mailed on February 22, 2006, for the Examiner's consideration. Because the Office Action is not a U.S. Patent or a published U.S. Patent Application, Applicants have listed the document under the heading "Non Patent Literature Documents" on the attached listing.

Based on reasonable inquiry, no document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

As described above, copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. We have included translations and/or abstracts of non-English language documents for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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